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Letter dated 5 July 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the enclosed letter dated 3 July 1995 from H.E. Mr. Kresimir Zubak, President of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in distributing the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIĆ
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Letter dated 3 July 1995 from Mr. Kresimir Zubak
addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to inform you that, in my capacity as President of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, my attempts to clarify certain ambiguities in connection with the rapid reaction force with the Commanders of UNPF in the former Yugoslavia have yielded little result.

We have still not received answers to the following questions: where would this force be stationed; what are the relevant facts concerning its mandate; what will be the length of its stay; what are the possible options of its later disposition; why is it insisted that its temporary deployment be exclusively on the territory under HVO (Croatian Defence Council) control?

My letter of 29 June to the UNPF Commander, General Janvier, in which I had requested clear answers to these questions, has not yet been responded to. I am confident that you fully understand the significance of these facts for our side, since giving consent that General Janvier has requested at a time when we do not know these facts could, for our side, result in the prejudging of options which, from the military-security standpoint, could be contrary to the strategic interests of the peoples who founded the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

You will recall that during the preceding time period we fully cooperated with the peace-keeping force of the United Nations. The peace-keeping force is almost completely stationed on the Bosnia and Herzegovina Federation territory, even though it was understood that its mandate, according to initial resolutions of the United Nations, foresaw its distribution throughout the entire territory of the internationally recognized Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In the present letter, as well as in the letter of 29 June that I forwarded to the Force Commander of UNPF in the former Yugoslavia, I have to once again emphasize our dissatisfaction with the one-sided steps by the UNPF Commanders who have already stationed a part of the additional forces in the area of Tomislavgrad, and who have continued to organize and prepare for the arrival of new units without the consent of the competent organs - contrary to the practice of thus far exemplary cooperation.

In the absence of the reply to my letter by the Force Commander of UNPF in the former Yugoslavia, I am forced to ask that you use your good offices, in your capacity as Secretary-General of the United Nations, and clarify as soon as possible all the questions that I have raised in the present letter. I would emphasize once again that we would expect more detailed information on the mandate of the additional force, advance plans of their precise deployment in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including for the longer-term period, and the number of personnel and accompanying military logistics, in order to give proper consent for the deployment of the new forces. We request the same concerning the status of the UNPF forces, which have already been stationed on the Federation territory. I also have the honour to inform you, as I have already conveyed to General Janvier, that these new forces already on the ground

may remain no more than 30 days. In order to maintain their presence after this time period, they must receive the full consent of the relevant organs, including of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Until such time that we receive clear and precise answers to the concerns expressed in the present letter, we will be unable to extend the approval for the United Nations forces in Tomislavgrad to perform military exercises.

Kresimir ZUBAK
President of the Federation of
Bosnia and Herzegovina